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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A nickel metal hydride storage battery comprising a positive electrode comprising nickel hydroxide as a active material, a negative electrode comprising a hydrogen absorbing alloy containing aluminum, a separator and an alkaline electrolyte, wherein a complex-forming agent which forms a complex with aluminum ions is included in the negative electrode.

2. (original) The nickel metal hydride storage battery according to claim 1, wherein the complex-forming agent is an aromatic carboxylic acid.

3. (original) The nickel metal hydride storage battery according to claim 1, wherein a layer comprising a hydroxide or oxide of an element selected from the group consisting of calcium, strontium, scandium, yttrium, lanthanoids and bismuth is formed on a surface of the positive electrode active material.

4. (original) The nickel metal hydride storage battery according to claim 2, wherein a layer comprising a hydroxide or oxide of an element selected from the group consisting of calcium,

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